

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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Marilyn Harwell 1507 Clower Creek Drive Sarasota, FL 34231

RE: MUR 5350

Marilyn Harwell

Dear Ms. Harwell:

On June 24, 2004, the Federal Election Commission found reason to believe that you violated 2 U.S.C. § 441a(a)(1)(A), a provision of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, when you made an excessive contribution in the form of an advance to Schneider for Congress for non-travel or subsistence campaign-related expenses. See 11 C.F.R. § 116.5(b) (when an individual pays for goods or services on behalf of a candidate or a political committee other than the individual's personal transportation or subsistence expenses, he or she is making a contribution). However, after considering the circumstances of this matter, the Commission also determined to take no further action against you and closed its file. Copies of the dispositive General Counsel's Report and the Commission's Certifications are enclosed for your information.

Documents related to the case will be placed on the public record within 30 days. *See* Statement of Policy Regarding Disclosure of Closed Enforcement and Related Files, 68 Fed. Reg. 70,426 (Dec. 18, 2003).

If you have any questions, please contact Ruth Heilizer, the attorney assigned to this matter, at (202) 694-1598.

Bradley A. Smith

Chairman

Sincerely.

Enclosures

General Counsel's Report dated June 21, 2004 Amended Certification dated June 28, 2004 Memorandum to the Commission dated August 4, 2004 Corrected Certification dated August 9, 2004